

**CORNISH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2021**

The Cornish Planning Board met on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Attendance was by roll call. Members present in the Town Offices were Bill Lipfert, Chair, Everett Cass, Gail McKenzie, and Kellie Patterson Parry; Linda Leone, Alternate; Scott Baker, Selectman; and, Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary. Attending via Zoom was Jonathan Glass. In accordance with Governor Sununu's Executive Order 2020-04, the Chair waived the requirement that Board members be physically present at the meeting in light of the current Covid-19 situation.

Attending in-person were Michael Belanger and Katherine Patterson, Trustee of the Stowell Library. Attending via Zoom were Karim Chichakly and Patrick Dombroski, surveyor.

Bill Lipfert called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Mr. Lipfert authorized the meeting to be held electronically and read the e-meeting checklist, attached, into the record. Social distancing and mask requirements were discussed.

Approval of 3/18/2021 Minutes.

Gail McKenzie made a motion to approve the March 18, 2021, minutes. Everett Cass seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board, by roll call, was unanimously in the affirmative.

Anthony and Valerie Newton – Public Hearing re: Annexation, School Street.

voting: Bill Lipfert, Chair, Everett Cass, Jonathan Glass, Heidi Jaarsma, Gail McKenzie, and Kellie Patterson Parry.

Heidi Jaarsma stated that the .34 acres of land shown on the plan as remaining in the Rural District appeared to be incorrect, given that the total acreage Map 14, Lot 18, was 1.36 acres with 1 acre in the Village Zone and the remaining acreage in the Rural Zone. Patrick Dombroski recalculated the Rural Zone acreage and informed the Board that he would correct the final plat to show .36 acres remaining in the Rural Zone.

Kathi Patterson, Library Trustee, told the Board that the proposed lot configuration was the only way to make the proposed septic work. Karim Chichakly, abutter, supported the application. Heidi Jaarsma made a motion to approve the annexation as presented with the correction of the Map 18, Lot 14, acreage in the Rural Zone to .36 acres. Gail McKenzie seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was by roll call with Everett Cass, Jonathan Glass, Heidi Jaarsma, Gail McKenzie, and Kellie Patterson Parry voting in the affirmative. With none voting in the negative, the motion carried.

Michael and Un Hui Belanger – Preliminary Discussion re: Major Subdivision, NH Route 12A.

Michael Belanger told the Board that he had met with the Selectboard to discuss options to build a second residence on the Chase House property, Map 3, Lot 34. Mr. Belanger stated that he was considering subdivision of the property or building an unattached accessory apartment. The Board discussed Cornish Zoning Ordinance Article IV.C.12, *Apartments*, and Article V.B., *Lot*

Shape and Boundaries. Bill Lipfert stated that there was a gravesite on the property and advised Mr. Belanger to research the rules about private gravesites and any deed restrictions on the property. Ms. Jaarsma noted that the addition of a structure or the use of the driveway to access a residence could constitute a change of use to the business located on the property. The Board reviewed the major subdivision requirements with Mr. Belanger.

Ryan and Liza Lynaugh – Preliminary Discussion re: Voluntary Lot Merger, Beechwood Drive. Mr. Lynaugh contacted the Board prior to the meeting and asked that he be taken off the agenda. The Board passed over the agenda item.

Other Business

Heidi Jaarsma reviewed changes to the voluntary merger statute, RSA 674:39a, with the Board. The application for voluntary merger has been revised to reflect changes to the statute.

Gail McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Baker seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board, by roll call, was in the affirmative 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi M. Jaarsma

Town of Cornish, New Hampshire, Planning Board
April 15, 2021
Temporary Modification of Public Access to Meetings under RSA 91-A
Governor’s Emergency Order #12

As Chair of the Cornish Planning Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that Board members and members of the public may choose to attend this meeting in-person or electronically. Cloth face coverings and social distancing will be required for those attending the meeting in-person. In accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) *Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:*

We are utilizing **Zoom** for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to communicate listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting by the following means:

Zoom Link: available on the Town of Cornish website, www.cornishnh.net

Meeting ID: 841 7839 1334

Passcode: 089720

To connect by phone, dial (929) 205-6099 and enter meeting ID and passcode.

b) *Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:*

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the Town of Cornish website at www.cornishnh.net.

c) *Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the Board during the meeting if there are problems with access:*

If anybody has a problem with access, please call (603) 675-5611 or email at cornishtreasurer@comcast.net.

d) *Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:*

In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.